**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, NO SWINE OR SWINE SEMEN MAY BE EXPORTED TO ARGENTINA.
ARGENTINA IS CONCERNED WITH THE OCCURRENCE OF SWINE INFERTILITY AND
REPRODUCTION SYNDROME (SIRS) IN THE UNITED STATES

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IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF ARGENTINA FOR SWINE EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The swine must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services (VS) veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of both the consignor and consignee and complete identification of the swine to be exported. Additional information shall include:

CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS

- 1. The United States has been officially free of cases of swine vesicular disease, African swine fever, Teschen's disease, foot-and-mouth disease (Types SAT1, SAT2, SAT3, and ASIA1), and classical swine fever (hog cholera) for the 3 years prior to this exportation.
- 2. The premises of origin of the export animals as well as the neighboring farms have been free for the 12 months prior to this exportation of cases of pseudorabies (Aujeszky's disease), transmissible gastroenteritis (TGE), erysipelas, atrophic rhinitis, and vesicular stomatitis.
- 3. The premises of origin of the export animals as well as the neighboring farms have been free for the 6 months prior to this exportation of cases of tuberculosis, brucellosis, leptospirosis, Q fever, and trichinosis.
- 4. The animals for exportation come from premises where vaccination against pseudorabies is not practices and these animals were not vaccinated against pseudorabies.
- 5. The premises of origin of these animals are free of brucellosis.
- 6. The animals for exportation were maintained in a USDA approved isolation premises for a minimum of 30 days prior to exportation. The isolation began on (date).
- 7. The animals will be transported to the port of embarkation in cleaned and disinfected vehicles.

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8. The swine to be exported have not been fed garbage at any time.

The following tests were conducted within the 30 days prior to exportation while the animals were in the USDA approved isolation premises:

- 1. Brucellosis: (a) Standard tube test; AND
 - (b) Standard plate test negative at 1:25 dilution; AND
 - (c) Card test negative

2. Vesicular stomatitis: (a) Serum neutralization (SN) test negative at 1:16 dilution; OR

(b) ELISA test

3. Pseudorabies: (a) One SN test negative at 1:4 dilution IF from an officially free premises

(b) Two SN tests at 1:4 dilution IF NOT from an officially free premises with a test interval of at

least 21 days.

4. TGE: SN test at the 1:8 dilution

5. Tuberculosis: Intradermal test using bovine and avian PPD

tuberculins

VACCINATIONS

The swine for exportation shall be vaccinated with a killed erysipelas bacterin between 20 to 60 days prior to exportation. (Indicate date and bacterin used on the health certificate).

TREATMENTS

Each animal for exportation shall receive two injections of dihydrostreptomycin at a rate of 25 mg/kg with a 14-day interval between injections. The second injection shall be as close to embarkation as is possible. (Indicate dates of injections on the health certificate).

OTHER INFORMATION

1. The Area Veterinarian in Charge must approve the isolation premises prior to placing the swine for export into the facility.

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2. For pregnant swine, a certification statement as follows must be on the health certificate:

The donor boars of the semen used to inseminate the referenced females met the present requirements for export swine (if by natural service) or for boars at an AI center met the present requirements of semen for export to Argentina.

3. The U.S. Origin Health Certificate shall be "visado" at the nearest Argentinian consular office prior to exportation of the swine.

EMBARKATION CERTIFICATION

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the U.S. Origin Health Certificate, the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) showing:

- 1. The name and address of the consignor.
- 2. The name and address of the consignee.
- 3. The number and species of animals to be shipped.
- 4. A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.